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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
 TAGS: PTER, PREL, AR, UN  
 SUBJECT: MINISTER OF INTERIOR REQUESTS COUNTERTERRORISM  
 BRIEFING

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REF: BUENOS AIRES 4813

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO BE FULLY RESPONSIVE TO MINISTER RUCKAUF'S REQUEST FOR BRIEFINGS ON ISSUES RAISED IN REFTEL.
3. THE PROBLEM WITH HIS REQUEST FOR A BRIEFING IN FT.

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MYERS IS THAT THE EXPERTISE TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES RESTS IN WASHINGTON AND IS SPREAD AMONG SEVERAL AGENCIES. FOR EXAMPLE, INFORMATION ON GROUPS WHO MAY BE IN THE AREA AND WHO COULD HAVE UNDERTAKEN THE ATTACK WOULD BE FOUND IN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. CONVERSELY, THE FBI IS UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO DISCUSS HOW INVESTIGATIONS INTO TERRORIST ACTS ARE ORGANIZED.

4. WHILE UNDERSTANDING THE CONSTRAINTS OF RUCKAUF'S SCHEDULE, THE DEPARTMENT STRONGLY ENCOURAGES HIM TO TRAVEL FROM FT. MYERS TO WASHINGTON ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 27. WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

TO WASHINGTON

DEPART - FT. MYERS 620AM ARRIVE MIAMI 700AM

DEPART - MIAMI 730AM ARRIVE WASH 955AM

TO MIAMI

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DEPART - WASH D.C. 259P ARRIVE MIAMI 533PM

THIS ITINERARY WOULD RETURN HIM TO MIAMI IN AMPLE TIME TO MAKE HIS APPARENT CONNECTION TO BUENOS AIRES THAT EVENING. ANOTHER OPTION WOULD BE FOR HIM TO DELAY HIS RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES BY A DAY IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE BOTH THE BRIEFINGS IN WASHINGTON AND HIS RESFONSIBILITIES IN FT. MYERS.

5. IN WASHINGTON, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ORGANIZE AND HOST A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH TERRORISM EXPERTS FROM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS FROM THE CIA AND FBI TO ADDRESS RUCKAUF'S QUESTIONS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL USG TRAINING ASSISTANCE TO ARGENTINA. WE WOULD ALSO ARRANGE TRANSLATION SERVICES FOR THE MEETING. THIS WASHINGTON BRIEFING WOULD COVER IN DETAIL THE ISSUES HE RAISED, AND WOULD CERTAINLY PROVE HELPFUL TO HIM AS HE OVERSEES THE INVESTIGATION OF THE AMIA BOMBING.

6. AS AN INDICATION OF ITS INTEREST IN PROVIDING SUCH A BRIEFING, THE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED--SHOULD THERE BE AN

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ADDITIONAL CHARGE WHICH NEITHER THE GOA NOR THE MINISTER  
WILL FUND--TO REIMBURSE THE COST OF MODIFYING THE  
MINISTER'S TICKET TO INCLUDE A FT. MYERS/DC/MIAMI LEG.

7. AGAIN, THE PROBLEM WITH A BRIEFING IN FT. MYERS IS  
THAT RELEVANT EXPERTISE ON THIS RANGE OF ISSUES IS  
DIFFUSED AMONG SEVERAL AGENCIES. A BRIEFER WITH SPANISH  
LANGUAGE CAPABILITY ABLE TO TRAVEL TO FORT MYERS COULD  
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PROVIDE THE MINISTER AT BEST A LIMITED BRIEFING ON  
TERRORIST GROUPS WHICH ARE ACTIVE IN THE REGION. SHOULD  
THE MINISTER BE UNABLE TO COME TO WASHINGTON, THE  
DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS.  
PLEASE ADVISE. TARNOFF

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